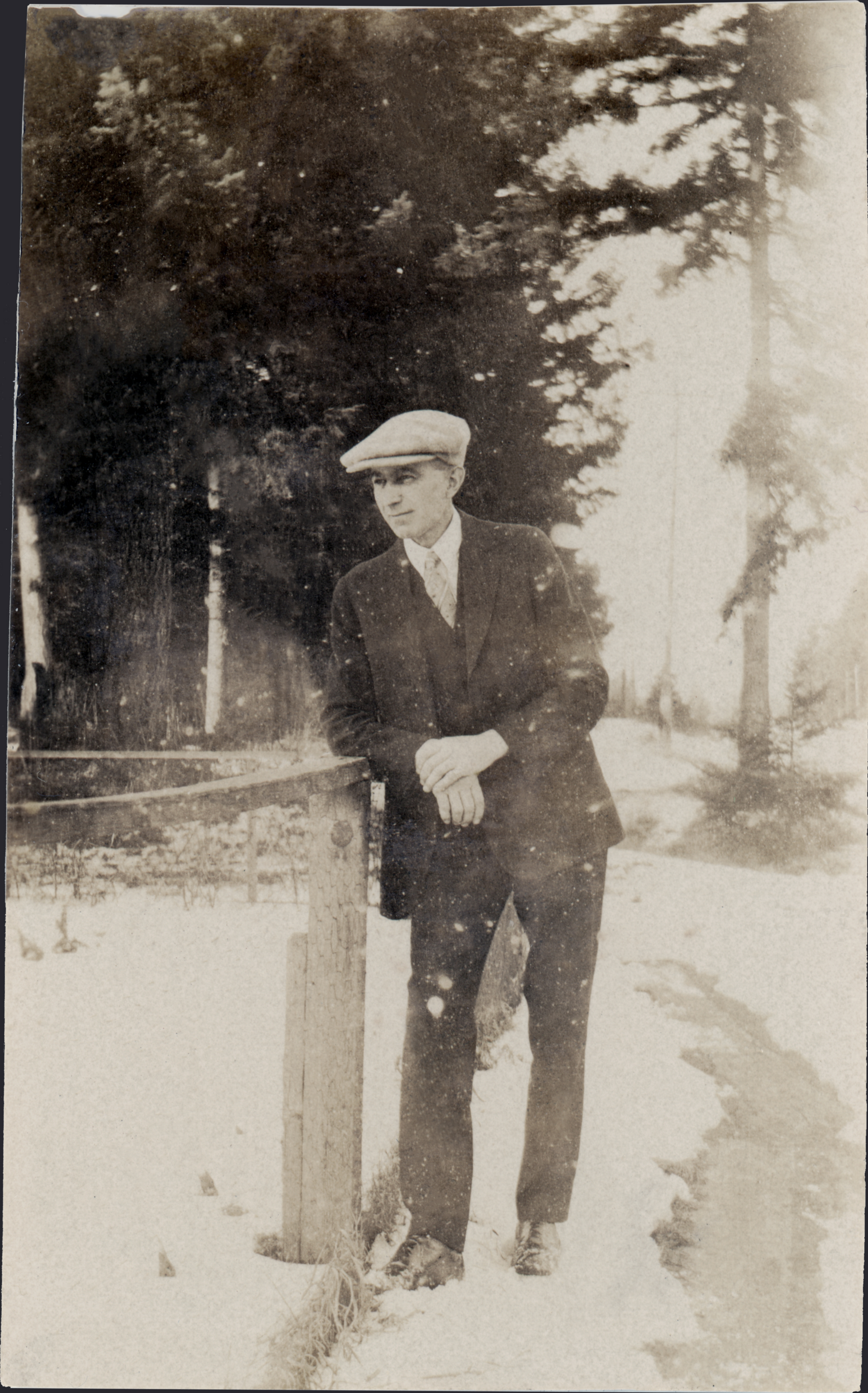

Stanley Bates Ports outside the Roffler House Camas 1925

Reflections

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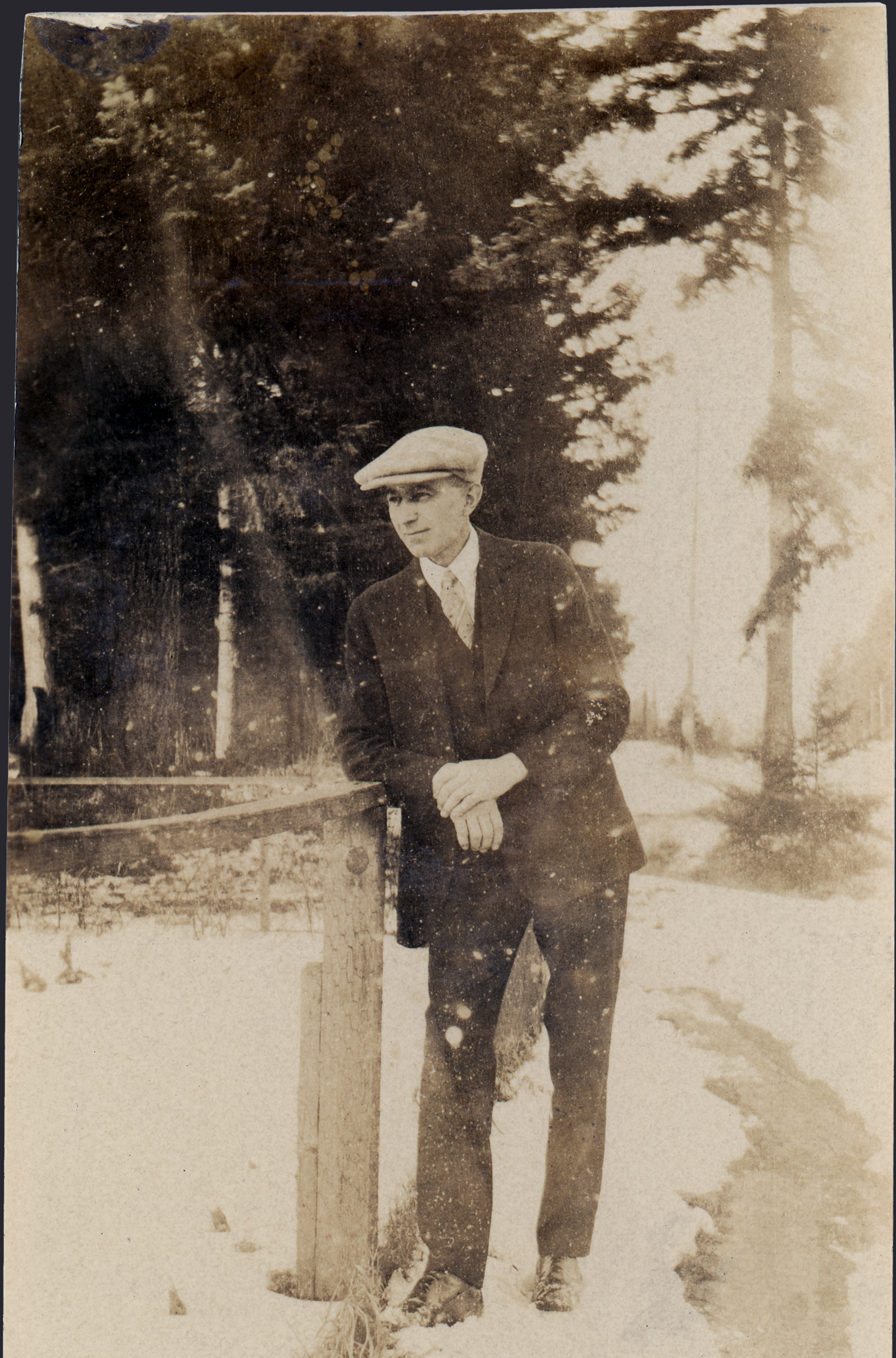
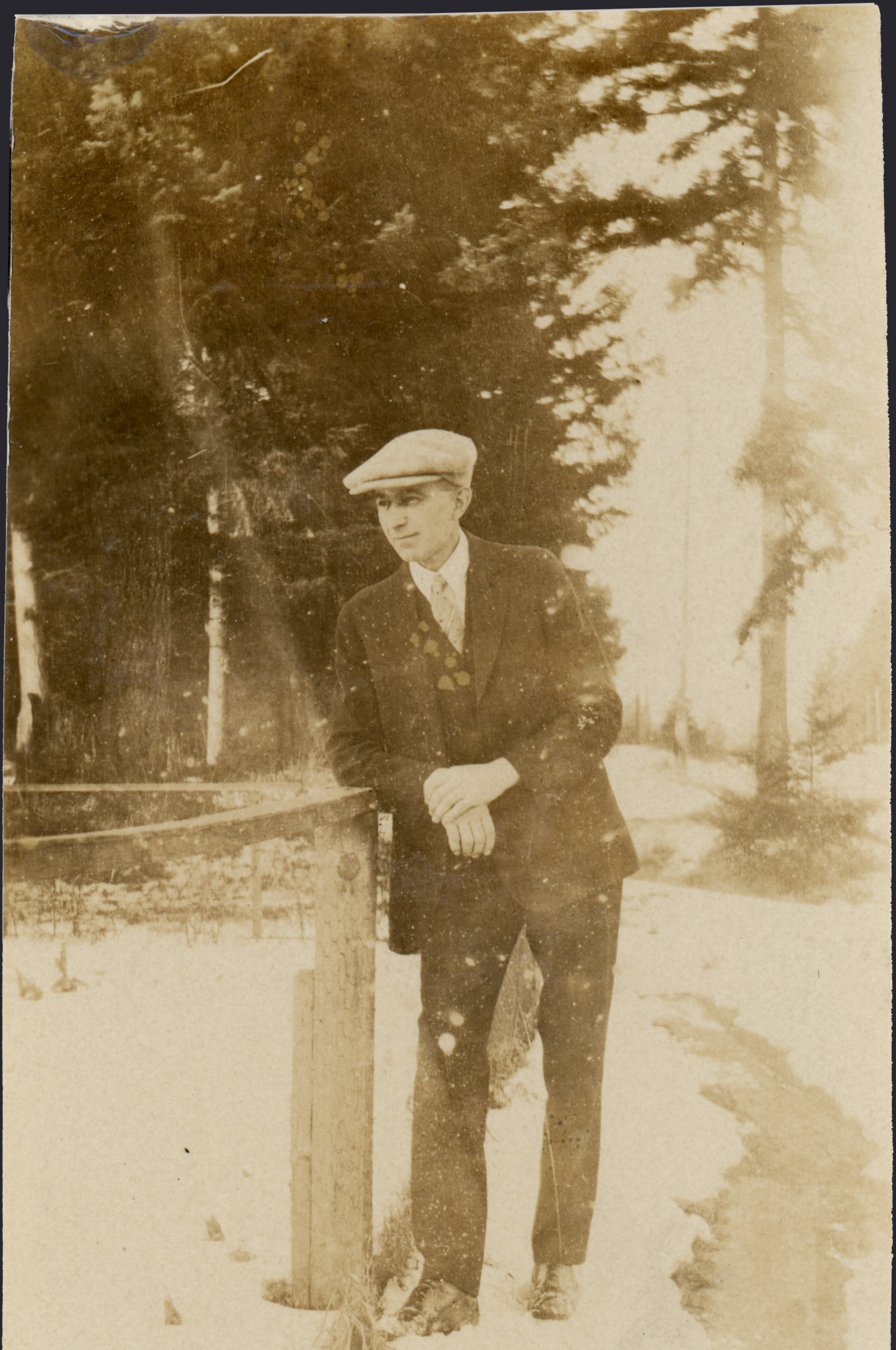
This photo shows my great-grandfather, Stanley Bates Ports, standing outside the John Roffler House in Camas, where the family was living at the time. My grandmother, Katherine Ports (Hunt), was likely a senior at Camas High School when this was taken, around 1925, and several other snowstorm photographs in her high-school album appear to have been taken during the same winter.

The family's move to Camas fits into a longer period of transition. Stanley's father, Samuel Kirkwood Booth, died in 1912 in Toledo, Oregon, where the family was then living. His widow, Sarah Catherine Shaffer Booth, later appears in records in Washougal, only about half a block north of the One Stop, suggesting she relocated to this area not long after his death. By the early 1920s the Ports family was in Astoria, and after the 1922 fire they moved north again and settled in Camas. The exact details of this timeline are still a bit sketchy.

This print aligns with other photos preserved in my grandmother Katherine Fay Ports' high-school album — the back still shows remnants of the original black mounting paper — and the setting matches the family home at 15th Avenue and NE Everett Street, across from Crown Park – the Roffler House. The fence visible behind him appears in several photos from the same period, helping confirm both the identification and the approximate date. Although this photo was found loose, it matches the others from her album exactly.